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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1908.

THROUGH the aid of a trust fund, the foundation of which was laid by President James Buchanan, 600 Lancaster families were supplied with Christmas coal. Since President Buchanan left money for this coal fund other Lancasterians have added to it and to-day it is large enough to warrant the purchase of 300 tons of fuel. A half ton was given to each worthy applicant. The work of distribution was in the hands of a Lancaster charity society.

HARRISBURG LETTER.

DEC. 28.—A considerable amount of discussion is being given at present to the mercantile license tax and to the advisability of repealing it. Opponents of the law have charged that the entire amount received was used up in the cost of collection, but Auditor General Young has compiled a table which shows the entire costs by items and classes, and it amounts to less than eleven per centum. The entire cost of collection represents moneys paid out in the community where the tax is collected, representing the fees of county treasurers, mercantile appraisers, mileage, postage, advertising lists, etc., and does not represent departmental clerk hire to the slightest amount. General Young further shows that the constantly growing needs of the state in the care of its insane and unfortunate, its purchase of forestry reservation, the development of its Health Department, its rebuilding of bridges, its construction of highways which it may be asked to maintain, its increased appropriation to the public schools, together with the Departmental and other expenses, make it very inadvisable at this time to lessen the revenue of the state, without making provisions for that deficiency. Charities are asking for more money than was appropriated by the Legislature of 1907, and a committee appointed by the veterans of the Civil War have prepared a bill which provides for an appropriation of about \$4,500,000 for pensions and clerk hire. Pennsylvania will need for the next few years all the revenue in sight.

It has been announced that the foot and mouth disease has about run its course. In all, sixteen counties were affected, some of them only slightly. The first case was noticed on Nov. 9, and since that date there have been slaughtered a total of 1193 cattle, 1118 swine, and a few sheep and goats. Pennsylvania came off very luckily for it is sometimes a labor of years to stamp out this pest, at a heavy expense. Dr. Pearson and his efficient corps of assistants have worked hard and deserve lots of credit.

Senator Knox having accepted the portfolio of State in the cabinet of President-elect Wm. H. Taft, it will be the duty of the Legislature that convenes on Tuesday, Jan. 5, 1909, to elect a successor to him, as well as to Senator Penrose. The latter will succeed himself in spite of any eleventh hour opposition. Choosing a successor to Senator Knox will be delayed until there is a vacancy, which will occur, of course, prior to March 4, 1909. Several prominent Republicans have been mentioned for the place, but George T. Oliver, of Pittsburg, seems likely to be the favored one, and he has received the unanimous endorsement of the Allegheny Senators and Representatives. Having the good-will of Senator Penrose, Oliver can secure the assistance of the Philadelphia contingent, and that practically assures him the office.

The question of who will be the next Speaker seems still unsettled. The same gathering that endorsed Oliver for U. S. Senator endorsed John F. Cox of the same county for Speaker, but Oliver does not favor Cox, on account of his attitude on local option. Meantime ex-Speaker McClain is saying little but professing confidence in the outcome. There are those who believe that McClain may yet be chosen to preside, and there are not a few who believe that it will be an error for the organization to turn him down. He would be a thorn in the flesh on the floor of the House, if he chooses to fight.

Mock Sem, a Chinese leper, died in a little house erected for him near the city a few days ago. Some years ago he was found serving as cook in a restaurant at Steelton and an effort was made to deport him. He was sent to Baltimore, his original port of entry, but eluded his companions and came back to the Keystone State, becoming a charge on Dauphin county. Friends helped him, giving him ducks, chickens and other things dear to the Chinaman's heart, and on these he subsisted, putting in the time at drawing and painting. His case attracted a great deal of attention. The climate or exposure proved too much for him and he fell a victim to tuberculosis. All his belongings were burned.

The rate of fourth-class postage in this country is, as all know, sixteen cents per pound. The rate to China, with which we have a reciprocal treaty, is twelve cents per pound. The inequality of these rates is well illustrated by the statement that a 4-pound package sent from Honesdale to Seelyville would cost 64 cents, while the same package could be sent across the continent to San Francisco, and thence over the Pacific to Shanghai for 48 cents.

Why Road Was Not Built.

Interesting Testimony Ament the Old D. & H. Canal.

Some very interesting testimony was taken last week in the federal suit in New York city, which is designed to dissolve the combination of the anthracite coal carrying roads. E. L. Fuller, a retired coal operator of Scranton, testified that he had built several collieries and had been what was classed as an independent operator. Six years ago he disposed of his interests in the combination now charged with controlling the coal situation. He knew of the proposed Delaware Valley and Kingston railway. This road was to have been built from Hawley or Lackawanna down the line of the old canal to Rondout-on-the-Hudson, and was to give the independent operators an outlet to the metropolitan markets which meant to them 65 per cent. of the average tidewater prices. It was expected and intended that the line would carry the independent's product to tidewater for 60 per cent. of the rates they were paying. Later, when the Erie purchased the Pennsylvania Coal company, it secured the charter of this proposed new road and it was never built. This explains to the public for the first time why the Erie paid such a large price in its purchase of the Pennsylvania Coal company's interests and why the once-talked-of road was not built. Mr. Fuller, on being asked if he considered the purchase of the Pennsylvania coal company a good bargain for the Erie, replied that with his associates he had offered \$5,000,000 more. The Pennsylvania Coal company at that time, he continued, had over a hundred million tons of coal in sight. The Erie paid for the Pennsylvania Coal company properties, it was unofficially stated, \$32,000,000 in bonds and \$5,000,000 in first preferred Erie stock, which then had a marketable value of about \$28,000,000.

WAYNE IN LINE.

Resolutions Adopted Favoring J. Benjamin Dimmick for United States Senator.

On Thursday last a meeting of representative Republicans was held here, and the following preamble and resolutions adopted. After being signed by the parties whose names are appended, the endorsement was forwarded to the committee having His Honor the Mayor's boom in charge in the Electric City. Whereas, The resignation of Senator P. C. Knox to enter the cabinet of President-elect Taft will leave a vacancy in the representation of Pennsylvania in the Senate of the United States, and Whereas, It is our firm belief and desire that such vacancy should be filled by the selection of a man of ability and high standing from the north-eastern section of the state, a section which heretofore has not received a fractional part of the high practical recognition to which its population, commercial importance and great civic interests entitle it; now, therefore:

We, the undersigned Republican citizens of Wayne county, urge upon the legislature about to be convened in Harrisburg, and upon the Republican party in this commonwealth the importance of improving this opportunity to select for the purpose of filling the above mentioned vacancy, a man who in every way will measure up to the requirements of the high position, the Honorable J. Benjamin Dimmick, mayor of the city of Scranton, and it is with the greater earnestness and the greater pleasure that we ask his selection, because his honored father, at one time attorney-general of this commonwealth, was one of the chief citizens of our county; because Mayor Dimmick himself was born, grew up and spent his young manhood among us, and is still one of us by reason of family ties and friendly association, and because by reason of our personal acquaintance with him and his career we are thoroughly convinced that his fine manhood, civic knowledge, political acumen, splendid mental ability and high sense of public duty peculiarly fit him to occupy such an honorable position as we ask for him.

Homer Greene, A. T. Searle, W. F. Snyder, T. B. Clarke, F. P. Kimble, T. J. Smith, H. F. Salmon, H. C. Hand, H. J. Conger, W. J. Ward, C. T. Bentley, J. Adam Kraft, D. D. Weston, J. D. Weston, Thomas M. Fuller, W. H. Stone, E. C. Mumford, W. H. Lee, Andrew Thompson, E. A. Penniman, H. Wilson, A. C. Lindsay, W. W. Wood, George J. Mueller, C. C. Jadwin, O. T. Chambers, Martin Caulfield, A. B. Transue, Henry Freund, Wm. H. Swift, Louis J. Dorflinger, Harry B. Ely, H. Z. Russell.

A GREAT SCHOOL.

SCRANTON BUSINESS COLLEGE.

The Scranton Business College began its fifteenth year on Tuesday, Sept. 1st, with a large enrollment. Despite the hard times the enrollment has been very heavy since and the school is now very large. The suddenly greatly increased demand for office help this month is an indication that good times are here again and that those who so earnestly qualify as bookkeepers or stenographers will reap the greatest rewards. School will open again on Monday, Jan. 4th. Write to H. D. BUCK, Principal, Scranton, Pa.

MENNER & Co. will close out a lot of single suits for Ladies and Misses at less than cost. 41e17

OBITUARY.

Arthur K. Stone died at his home in Scranton on Thursday night last, Dec. 24th. He was born in Hawley, Pa., forty-six years ago, and is survived by a wife, two children, Claude and Ralph and four brothers, Victor, John, Earl and Sidney. He was a member of the Jr. O. U. A. M., Royal Arcanum and Scranton Typographical union, No. 112.

Mrs. Rebecca Harwood, wife of Albert Harwood, died at her home in Scranton on Thursday night last. Mrs. Harwood was seventy-seven years of age and a native of this county. Besides her husband, she is survived by three sons, Harry, Charles and John, all of Beckley, W. Va., and two daughters, Mrs. Sarah E. Kizer and Mrs. Bessie Abbey, both of Scranton. The remains were brought to South Cannan for interment.

Charles Householder, of Harrisburg, who thirty or forty years ago was a professional ball player, and for a season or two was third baseman for the Honesdale team, when it was in its early prime, died at his home at the State capital on Saturday morning last, Dec. 26, 1908, aged 52 years. He had been ill for the past eight months. He is survived by his wife and five children; also by his father and three brothers. "Charley" Householder first became prominent as a pitcher in 1872, when he threw a swift underhand ball. Later, he developed into a third baseman. His main professional career was with Springfield, (Ill.), Chicago, Providence and other big league teams. He was injured in a game, and then took up wood-working, which he followed until about two years ago, when his health failed.

Frederick Mebs died at his home on River street, on Friday last, Dec. 25, 1908, of cancer of the stomach. He was born in Bavaria, in 1856, and came to this country in 1883, shortly afterward locating in Honesdale, where he has since resided, and reared his family. He is survived by his wife and six children, four girls and two boys. The funeral services were held at the residence on Monday last, Rev. W. L. Hopp, of the German Lutheran church, officiating. Interment was made in Riverdale cemetery. Mr. Mebs was of a jolly and convivial disposition, genial and courteous in his intercourse with his acquaintances, an experienced gardener, and a faithful employe at any task in which he might be engaged. He was ever willing to accept any kind of labor, and was always in demand when work requiring strength and judgment was to be done. Notwithstanding such foibles as he doubtless had, he was a useful member of the community, and will be missed.

Orson Case died on Friday last, Christmas day, at his home in Scranton, aged 72 years, 8 months and 14 days, having been born at what is now known as Hop Bottom Station, Susquehanna Co., Pa., March 11th, 1836. His ancestors were Connecticut people, but came to North-eastern Pennsylvania when the section was almost an unbroken wilderness. His father, Orson Case, Sr., was a noted millwright and was called from long distances to build new mills and repair old ones. When the war of the Rebellion broke out he enlisted in Co. A, 107th Reg. Penn. Vol. Infantry, being mustered in October, in 1862, and discharged February 26, 1863, on surgeon's certificate of disability, having contracted a throat and lung trouble in the service, from which he suffered until his death, March 31, 1876. Orson Case, Jr., the subject of this notice, was the fifth child of Orson and Ann Eliza (Smith) Case. He commenced working with his father in the millwright business at the age of fourteen, and followed that calling for several years, after which he engaged in saw milling at different points in this State and New York. At the age of 22 he bought a part of his father's farm at Hop Bottom, on which he lived until 1864, when he came with his family to Wayne county and bought the saw mill and farm of Amos Denslow, the latter of which he took much pride in improving, especially in the matter of fruits. Later he became interested in bee culture, and during the later years of his residence in Clinton township, he was very successful as a producer of honey, both in quantity and quality. He was married July 13, 1864, to Miss Orpha A. Alden, whose ancestors were also New England people, and who died some years since. Mr. Case is survived by a daughter, Mrs. J. B. VanNan, of Scranton, and two sisters, Mrs. Philip Street, of Scranton, and Mrs. James Tiffany, of Jermyon. The funeral services were held on Monday afternoon last from the residence.

Patrick Gibney, one of Honesdale's oldest residents, but for some months past living with his son's, Patrick J. Gibney's family, in North Scranton, died on Saturday morning last, Dec. 26, 1908, aged about eighty years. More than fifty years ago, Mr. Gibney was employed as a blacksmith in the boatyard of the late Thomas Ham, and continued in charge of the shops of William H. Ham after the latter succeeded to the boat-building business. He also worked for some time in the shop of the late Thomas Charlesworth. He was in his early manhood a person of remarkable physical strength, and was known the entire length of the Del. & Hud. Canal, as a superior workman at his trade. As a noteworthy exhibition of his strength,

the writer well remembers his carrying three 240-pound sacks of Ashton salt—a total weight of 720 pounds,—from one end of a long store room to the other, and back, without a stop, a feat of which Mr. Gibney made frequent boast after the infirmities of years had begun to assail him. He was born in County Westmeath, Ireland, and came to this country in his early youth. He married, and reared quite a large family of children, his wife dying about fifteen years ago, on the farm near the D. & H. "Horse-shoe," which he owned and occupied after he gave up working at his trade. A few days ago he sustained a heavy fall in Scranton, and the shock doubtless hastened the end. He is survived by three daughters,—Mrs. M. J. Fahey (whose husband is a brother of Sheriff Fahey, of Lackawanna county), Mrs. John P. Mahon and Mrs. George Lunny, all of Scranton, and a son, Patrick J. Gibney, also of that city. Another son, William, died here on the 20th of last month, and the last time the subject of this notice was in Honesdale was on the occasion of his coming from Scranton to attend his son's funeral. A brother, John Gibney, also an old Honesdale resident, is still living. Mr. Gibney's remains were brought here on the 10 A. M. train, Monday. They were accompanied by a large number of relatives and friends, who with Honesdale sympathizers proceeded at once to St. John's (R. C.) church, where mass was celebrated. Interment was then made in St. John's cemetery. Most of the Scranton party returned on the 1:20 train, Monday afternoon.

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THE CITIZEN is not sending out any statements for subscriptions. As we began our new paper on October, 1908, we have but very little indebtedness on our books, and if you are getting our paper we will be glad to wipe out anything that you owe us, and give you credit to January 1, 1910, for \$1.50, and also give you as a present one year's subscription to the Magazine "HUMAN LIFE." Don't delay!

LYRIC THEATRE!

BENJ. H. DITTRICH, - - LESSEE AND MANAGER

New Years Eve. DEC. 31

THURSDAY

Direct from their Triumph in Philadelphia—The Great American Play

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PRICES: 35c, 50c, 75c, 1.00 and \$1.50

SEAT SALE at the box office, at 9 p. m., Wednesday, Dec. 30.

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New Year FRIDAY JAN. 1

NIGHT ONLY

Belmont Amusement Company Presents the Favorite Comedienne—Merrily, Cheerily, Verily, "Jolly"

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In Her Successful Sparkling Comedy "A Day Off"

Supported by an Excellent Cast And a Complete Production.

Prices—25, 35, 50 and \$1.00

Diagram opens at the box office, at a. m., Thursday, Dec. 31.

WAYNE COUNTY SAVINGS BANK—Election

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Wayne County Savings Bank for the election of Directors, will be held at the banking office on TUESDAY, JAN. 12, 1909, between the hours of three and four o'clock, p. m. H. S. SALMON, Cashier, Honesdale, Pa., Dec. 21, 1908. 49w3

NOTICE.

There will be a meeting of the stockholders of the Honesdale National Bank, at the banking house, on TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 1909, between the hours of one and four o'clock, p. m., for the election of nine Directors for the ensuing year.

By order of the Board, HENRY TORREY, Cashier, Honesdale, Dec. 23, 1908. 4e17

HENRY Z. RUSSELL, PRESIDENT. ANDREW THOMPSON, VICE PRESIDENT. EDWIN F. TORREY, CASHIER. ALBERT C. LINDSAY, ASSISTANT CASHIER.

HONESDALE NATIONAL BANK.

This Bank was Organized in December, 1836, and Nationalized in December, 1864.

Since its organization it has paid in Dividends to its Stockholders,

\$1,905,800.00

The Comptroller of the Currency has placed it on the HONOR ROLL.

from the fact that its Surplus Fund MORE than equals its Capital Stock.

Whatever of success and stability has been attained during this unbroken seventy-two years—years of financial depression and convulsion, as well as of prosperity and profit—is largely due to the liberal conservatism which always characterized its management—and in regard to which its directors have always acted as a unit.

To those who appreciate no logic but that of figures, the following statement is taken from our books, this 28th day of December, 1908:

The paid up Capital of this Bank is.....	\$150,000
The accrued Profits and Surplus is.....	\$254,404
The security we offer our depositors is, therefore, with stockholder's liability, equivalent to.....	\$554,404.

This in addition to the integrity of the men who have charge of the bank's affairs.

This Bank will be pleased to receive all or a portion of YOUR banking business.

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On account of the mild weather we are offering suits at greatly reduced prices. Decidedly new designs for young men who appreciate a difference and desire to be a little ahead of others in the matter of dress.

There's a Special Model for every taste and every figure, in SUITS and OVERCOATS. Our Suits, Overcoats, Rain Coats and Full Dress Garments represent the highest POSSIBLE achievement in clothes making. They are designed and made by SCHLOSS BROS. & Co., of Baltimore and New York. Exclusive in design. Correct in style. Right in quality. Moderately Priced.

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Honesdale, Pa., May 29, 1908.

MENNER & Co. will close out their winter stock of Ladies' cloaks and suits at cut prices. 41e17

APPRAISERS.—Notice is given that an appraisal of \$300 to the widows of the following named decedents has been filed in the Orphans' Court of Wayne county, and will be presented for approval on Monday, Jan. 18, 1909, viz: Frederick Haggerty, Texas township; Rea John Wade, Texas township; Rea. M. J. HANLAN, Clerk. Honesdale, Dec. 28, 1908.

ACCOUNT OF F. L. TUTTLE, GUARDIAN OF FRANK SMITH, a person of weak mind. Notice is hereby given that the first annual account of the Guardian above named will be presented to the Court of County Pleas of Wayne county, for approval on the third Monday of January, 1909, and will be confirmed absolutely by said Court (see rec. on Thursday, March 11, 1909, unless exceptions are previously filed. Dec. 27, 1908. M. J. HANLAN, Probationer. 47w3